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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SUBDIVISIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this section,  
4      "affordable housing development", "affordable housing application"  
5      and "commission" shall have the same meaning as in section 8-30g of  
6      the general statutes.

7      (b) (1) Any person intending to file an affordable housing  
8      application with a zoning commission, planning commission, planning  
9      and zoning commission, zoning board of appeals or municipal agency  
10     exercising zoning or planning authority shall, not more than three  
11     months before such filing, submit an affordable housing proposal to  
12     the commission. Such commission shall immediately notify the  
13     Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the submission.

14     (2) Upon receipt of notification of the submission of a proposed

15 affordable housing application to a commission, the Secretary of the  
16 Office of Policy and Management shall establish an affordable housing  
17 proposal review committee. Each such committee shall consist of (A)  
18 two members appointed by the secretary, one of whom shall be a  
19 representative of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning  
20 Association, selected from a list submitted by said association, and one  
21 a representative of the regional planning agency or regional council of  
22 governments that the municipality where the application was filed is a  
23 member, and (B) additional members appointed by the chief elected  
24 official of the municipality as follows: (i) A member of the legislative  
25 body; (ii) a member of the inland wetlands agency if the municipality  
26 has such an agency; (iii) a member of the conservation commission; (iv)  
27 an employee of the police department whose responsibilities include  
28 traffic; (v) an employee of the fire department; (vi) the planning and  
29 zoning administrator or the planning director; and (vii) the public  
30 works director or the engineer.

31 (3) The committee shall (A) evaluate the impact of the proposed  
32 affordable housing development on the municipality and its  
33 consistency with the plan of conservation and development of the  
34 municipality adopted under section 8-23 of the 2006 supplement to the  
35 general statutes, and (B) establish criteria for the following for the  
36 proposed affordable housing development: (i) Lot sizes or acceptable  
37 appropriate density of the project, (ii) building standards for the  
38 project, (iii) housing design that would be compatible with the  
39 surrounding neighborhoods, (iv) site design and landscaping that  
40 would enhance environmental quality, (v) data from the community  
41 that best represents that community's interest, (vi) identification of  
42 traffic problems before and after development and their impacts on the  
43 municipality, (vii) review and revision of the full scope of the  
44 proposed affordable housing development for consistency with the  
45 state plan of conservation and development adopted under chapter  
46 297 of the general statutes, and (viii) protection of environmental assets  
47 critical to public health and safety, for consistency with the state plan  
48 of conservation and development adopted under chapter 297 of the

49 general statutes.

50 (4) Such committee shall review the proposed affordable housing  
51 application in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of this  
52 subsection and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to  
53 the applicant, the secretary and the commission not more than three  
54 weeks after the date the committee received the proposed affordable  
55 housing application. The applicant may revise the affordable housing  
56 application based on the findings and recommendations of the  
57 committee but shall not be required to make such revisions.

58 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) There is established an  
59 affordable housing review grant program which shall be administered  
60 by the Office of Policy and Management. Grants may be made to  
61 municipalities for review of affordable housing development  
62 applications pursuant to section 501 of this act. The Secretary of the  
63 Office of Policy and Management shall adopt regulations, in  
64 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the  
65 administration of this section.

66 Sec. 503. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of ten thousand dollars is  
67 appropriated to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
68 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for  
69 grants to municipalities pursuant to section 502 of this act."